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For: PERCEPTUAL MODELING OF  
MEDIA SIGNALS BASED ON  
LOCAL CONTRAST AND  
DIRECTIONAL EDGES

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Examiner: A. Tabatabai

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**STATEMENT RESPONDING TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

This statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.104(e) ("Reasons for Allowance"), and is responsive to the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in the Notice of Allowability dated January 17, 2006.

Applicant respectfully submits that the allowability of the claims does not hinge on isolated elements thereof. Rather, the claims are believed patentable because, when viewed as a whole, they define combinations that are neither anticipated by, nor obvious over, the prior art.


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